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1. COMMENTING ON AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S CRITICISM OF INDONESIA FOR REFUSING TO ALLOW A DELEGATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS TO INSPECT CONDITIONS IN EAST TIMOR, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN ABDURACHMAN GUNADIRDJA TOLD REPORTERS DECEMBER 2 THAT INDONESIA CANNOT APPROVE ANY INITIATIVE FROM ANY PARTY TO VISIT EAST TIMOR FOR INSPECTION PURPOSES WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT. HE NOTED THAT EAST TIMOR HAS BECOME PART OF INDONESIA, AND CONSEQUENTLY ANY ATTEMPT TO CARRY OUT FACT-FINDING ACTIVITIES IN THAT AREA WITHOUT GOI CONSENT WOULD BE INTERFERENCE IN INDONESIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

2. GUNADIRDJA REFERRED TO INDONESIA'S REJECTION OF THE UNGA RESOLUTION ON EAST TIMOR WHICH CALLED ON COMMITTEE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IV TO SEND A FACT-FINDING MISSION TO THE TERRITORY, AND STATED THAT INDONESIA CONSIDERS THAT THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR HAVE ALREADY EXERCISED THEIR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION THROUGH MERGING WITH INDONESIA.

3. COMMENT: GUNADIRDJA'S STATEMENT REFLECTS INDONESIA'S FIRM BASIC POSITION ON EAST TIMOR SINCE ITS INCORPORATION

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